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1. THIS MESSAGE CONFIRMS SIMONPIETRI-HERTER (OES)
CONVERSATION OF OCTOBER 31.

2. DR. JORGE VELASCO, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR COORDINATION, UNDERSECRETARIAT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT (SMA), CALLED SCICOUNS OCTOBER 31 TO REVIEW VARIOUS MATTERS SUBJECT OF RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN UNDERSECRETARY VIZCAINO AND EMBREPS, WITH FOLLOWING NET RESULTS:

3. BINATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS ALONG US/MEXICO BORDER: NOW SET FOR NUEVO LAREDO, JANUARY 11-14, 1975.

4. PROPOSED REGIONAL MEETING IN CARIBBEAN FOR CONTAMINATION OF SEA FROM LAND-BASED SOURCES, OF WHICH MEXICO WILL BE HOST:
US INFORMAL SUGGESTION THAT LIST OF INVITEES BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL NATIONS IN CARIBBEAN AREA (SOME 15), WELL RECEIVED BY SMA, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, HAS NOW BEEN
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DISCUSSED WITH FONSECRETARIAT WHICH HAS TAKEN OVER THE

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IDEA AS ITS OWN. TENTATIVE DATE, LATE JANUARY-EARLY FEBRUARY, 1975. BALL NOW IN FONSEC HANDS.

5. GOM ASPIRES TO PRESIDENCY OF UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC) FOR 1975-76 PERIOD. THE NEXT GC MEETING (III) SCHEDULED FOR NAIROBI 16 APRIL-2 MAY, 1975, WITH PREPARATORY SESSION NEW YORK DECEMBER 16-20, 1974. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, INCOMING ONE-YEAR TERM PRESIDENT WILL PRESIDE OVER NAIROBI MEETING AND CONTINUE IN OFFICE DURING ENSUING THIRD PERIOD.

A. UNDERSECRETARY VIZCAINO HAS HIGHEST LEVEL GOM APPROVAL FOR MEXICO TO SEEK THIS PRESIDENCY, AND HAS DISCUSSED THIS WITH MAURICE STRONG (CANADA) UNEP DG, BOTH AT RECENT COCOYOC SYMPOSIUM (SEE MEXICO 8995) AND SUBSEQUENTLY ON SPECIAL TRIP TO BERLIN, ENCOUNTERING LATTER'S WARM ENCOURAGEMENT. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT VIZCAINO WAS ELECTED V.P. OF UN STOCKHOLM MEETING AND THAT HE LED GOM DELEGATION AT NAIROBI GC II 1974. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS HIM TO BE GOM CANDIDATE. (FYI. VIZCAINO BROACHED THIS TOPIC WITH SCICOUNS AT COCOYOC. END FYI.)

B. GOM MOUNTING DIPLOMATIC/TECHNICAL CAMPAIGN TO THIS END. ON NOVEMBER 11, IN SPECIA PLANE, VIZCAINO DEPARTS FOR ONE-DAY VISITS TO GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA AND PANAMA. THEN, ON COMMERCIAL LINE, WILL CONTINUE TO PERU, ARGENTINA (WHERE ANOTHER MEETING WITH STRONG MAY MATERIALIZE), RETURNING VIA BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA TO MEXICO. TO GIVE TECHNICAL SUBSTANCE TO MISSION UNDERSECRETARY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SECRETARIATS OF HYDRAULIC RESOURCES AND NAVY AS WELL PEMEX. SUBSEQUENTLY QUICK TRIP TO JAMAICA CONTEMPLATED, AND THE DECEMBER PREP SESSION N.Y. WILL ALSO BE UTILIZED SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT.

6. MEXICO/CANADA BILATERAL:

VIZCAINO IN TOUCH WITH SNOW OF CANADA RE MUTUAL INTERESTS IN OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS. EN ROUTE NAIROBI IN APRIL A MEETING IN OTTAWA TO DISCUSS THESE INTERESTS IN GREATER DEPTH, BEING CONSIDERED. THIS BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP NOT PREVIOUSLY
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DISCUSSED BY SMA/EMBREPS.
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